

Sub-paragraph 1(b) — Doors and other closing systems

- 4.2.1(b)-1 (a) The device on which Customs seals can be fixed must:
- (i) be secured by welding, or by not less than two joining devices conforming to sub-paragraph (a) of explanatory note 4.2.1.(a)-1; or
 - (ii) be so designed that when the container has been closed and sealed the device cannot be removed without leaving visible traces; or
 - (iii) incorporate holes of not less than 11 mm in diameter or slots of at least 11 mm in length by 3 mm in width.
- (b) Butt hinges, strap hinges, hinges-pins and other devices for hanging doors and the like must be secured in conformity with the requirements of sub-paragraph (a) of this note. Moreover, the various components of such devices (e.g. hinge-plates, pins or swivels) must be so fitted that they cannot be removed or dismantled when the container is closed and sealed without leaving visible traces. However, where such a device is not accessible from outside, it will suffice if, when the door or the like has been closed and sealed, it cannot be detached from the device without leaving visible traces. Where a door or closure-device has more than two hinges, only those two hinges nearest to the extremities of the door need be fixed in conformity with the requirements of sub-paragraph (a)(i) above.
- (c) Containers comprising a large number of such closures as valves, stopcocks, manhole covers, flanges and the like must be designed so as to keep the number of Customs seals to a minimum. To this end, neighbouring closures must be interconnected by a common device requiring only one Customs seal, or must be provided with a cover meeting the same purpose.
- (d) Containers with opening roofs must be constructed in such a manner as to permit sealing with a minimum number of Customs seals.

Sub-paragraph 1(c) — Ventilation apertures

- 4.2.1.(c)-1 (a) Their greatest dimension must, in principle, not exceed 400 mm.
- (b) Apertures permitting direct access to the goods must be obstructed by means of wire gauze or perforated metal screens (maximum dimension of holes: 3 mm in both cases) and protected by welded metal lattice work (maximum dimension of holes: 10 mm).
 - (c) Apertures not permitting direct access to the goods (e.g. because of elbow or baffle-plate systems) must be provided with the same devices, in which, however, the dimensions of the holes may be as much as 10 mm and 20 mm respectively.
 - (d) Where openings are made in sheets, the devices referred to in sub-paragraph (b) of this note must in principle be prescribed. However,